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AT the Court at *St. James's*, the Fourth Day of *May*, 1732.

PRESENT,

The King's moſt Excellent Majeſty in Council.

This Day the Right Honourable Pattee Byng, Eſq; was by His Majeſty's Command ſworn of His Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy Council, and took his Place at the Board accordingly.

WHereas His Majeſty was pleaſed, by His Letters Patent bearing Date the Fourth Day of July 1730, to grant unto Robert Hamblin for the Term of Fourteen Years, the ſole Uſe and Benefit of a new Invention for diſtinguiſhing of Lights, whereby one Light erected for the Guidance of Shipping, might be perfectly known from another; in which Letters Patent it was provided, that in caſe the ſaid Hamblin did not particularly deſcribe and aſcertain the Nature of the ſaid Invention, by Writing under his Hand and Seal, to be enrolled in the High Court of Chancery within one Calendar Month from the Date of the ſaid Letters Patent, then the ſaid Letters Patent ſhould forthwith ceaſe and be utterly void. And it was alſo further provided, that if at any Time during the ſaid Fourteen Years it ſhould be made appear to His Majeſty, or any Six or more of His Privy Council, that the ſaid Grant was contrary to Law, or prejudicial or inconvenient to the Subjects in general, or that the ſaid Invention was not a new Invention as to the publick Uſe and Exerciſe thereof, or not invented or found out by the ſaid Robert Hamblin, then, upon Signification or Declaration thereof to be made by His Majeſty, or by the Lords or others of His Privy Council, or any Six or more of them, under their Hands, the ſaid Letters Patent ſhould ceaſe, and be null and void.

And whereas the Maſter, Wardens, and Aſſiſtants of the Corporation of Trinity Houſe of Deptford Strond, in the County of Kent, have by their Petition lately preſented to His Majeſty in Council, humbly prayed, that the Letters Patent ſo granted to the ſaid Robert Hamblin might be vacated, in regard the ſaid Hamblin hath not purſued the Deſign for which the ſaid Letters Patent were granted to him, but under Colour thereof, hath erected a Swimming Light at the Nore, and propoſes to erect others at different Places upon the Sea Coaſt, as likewiſe to publiſh a new Chart of all the Sea Coaſts of England; That he hath not enrolled in the High Court of Chancery ſuch a Deſcription of the ſaid Invention as is required by the ſaid Letters Patent; that this Project is not a new Invention, and that the Uſe he is making of it may be highly prejudicial to the Publick.

And whereas the Lords of the Committee of His Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy Council, (to whom His Majeſty referred the Conſideration of the ſaid Petition and Patent) have this Day reported to His Majeſty in Council, that they had referred the ſame to His Majeſty's Attorney and Sollicitor General, who having heard Counſel for the Petitioners, as alſo for the ſaid Robert Hamblin, reported to the ſaid Committee, that they were of Opinion, that the Invention pretended to by the ſaid Robert Hamblin, is not new, and that he hath not performed the Condition in the Letters Patent, whereby he is required to enroll a Specification thereof; the Inſtrument enrolled by him, not aſcertaining the Nature of the Invention, or the Method by which it is to be carried into Execution: That it appeared to them from the Inſtrument enrolled, and from the Swimming Light already erected, that the ſaid Robert Hamblin hath aimed at obtaining a Power of ſetting up new Lights under Colour of the ſaid Letters Patent, rather than of diſtinguiſhing thoſe now in being; but as no ſuch Power is granted him by the ſaid Letters Patent, they were of Opinion, that ſuch Attempt is not warranted thereby, and is therefore an Abuſe of the Grant, and contrary to Law; and that it further appeared to them, that his general Project of erecting new Lights, particularly Swimming Lights, whereever he thinks fit upon the Coaſts of England, and of making a new Chart of ſuch Coaſts, may be highly prejudicial and inconvenient to His Majeſty's Subjects, and injurious to the Trade and Navigation of this Kingdom: For which Reaſons they were of Opinion, that the ſaid Letters Patent ought to be determined and made void according to the Power therein reſerved. And the Lords of the Committee of Council agreeing in Opinion with his Majeſty's Attorney and Sollicitor General that the ſaid Letters Patent ought to be vacated,

His Majeſty in Council this Day took the ſame into His Royal Conſideration, and was pleaſed to Order, that for the Reaſons abovementioned, the ſaid Letters Patent granted to Robert Hamblin, ſhould be made void. In purſuance whereof, and of the Power reſerved in the ſaid Letters Patent, We do, for the Reaſons abovementioned, hereby ſignify and declare the Letters Patent granted to Robert Hamblin for diſtinguiſhing of Lights, to be void. And the ſaid Letters Patent are from henceforth to ceaſe, determine, and be utterly void to all Intents and Purpoſes: Whereof all Perſons whom it may concern are to take Notice, and govern themſelves accordingly. Given under our Hands in the Council Chamber at *St. James's*, the fourth Day of *May* 1732.

Wilmington, P.
Weſtmorland.
Scarbrough.
Marchmont.
Torrington.
Harrington.
Pattee Byng.